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**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: FORCEVILLE et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/763,870  
Filed: February 28, 2001  
Title: USE OF SELENIUM FOR TREATING PATIENTS  
SUFFERING FROM SYSTEMIC INFLAMMATORY  
RESPONSE SYNDROME (SIRS), AND COMPOSITION  
FOR IMPLEMENTING THE TREATMENT

Conf.: 1616  
Group: 3493  
Examiner: John D. Pak

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 8, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.